

method comprising the steps of:

including at least one television channel and at least one scheduled internet channel concurrently in a channel list;
storing the channel list in a database; and
displaying on a display device the channel list.

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20. [Once Amended] An information handling system, comprising:
a graphical user interface;
wherein the graphical user interface is configured to display a channel list including at least one television channel and at least one scheduled internet channel concurrently, wherein the channel list includes graphical and behavioral attributes to determine the graphical user interface for the channel list when displayed in an electronic program guide.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 6, 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to more particularly claim what Applicant considers the invention. No claims have been added or canceled, as a result, claims 1-20 are now pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application as amended in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Klosterman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,940,073). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because not all of the elements recited in Applicant's claims are taught or disclosed in the cited reference.

For example, Applicant's independent claim 1 recites "wherein the graphical user interface is configured to display a channel list including at least one television channel and at least one scheduled internet channel concurrently." Claims 6, 15, 17, 19 and 20 recite similar language. Applicant has carefully reviewed Klosterman and can find no teaching of the recited

language. Klosterman discloses a system in which a user can select a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) displayed within an interactive region in order to invoke a web site containing promotional information associated with a particular television program. The promotional material is not itself scheduled content, rather it is tightly associated with scheduled television content and exists in order to promote the scheduled content (see column 9, lines 19-34, FIG. 6A and 6B). This is quite unlike Applicant's invention. In Applicant's invention, scheduled internet channels comprise content that is independently scheduled from other scheduled television and Internet content. This is illustrated in FIG. 6 and the accompanying text on page 15 line 12 to page 16 line 2 of the specification. As shown elements 606, 610 and 614 comprise independently scheduled Internet content. Because Klosterman does not teach or disclose scheduled Internet content, it cannot anticipate Applicant's claims. Therefore the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of the claims.

Claims 2-5, 7-14, 16 and 18 each depend from their respective base claim discussed above, and each contain additional patentably distinct elements. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of the dependent claims.

In addition, claims 2 and 14 each recite a "favorite channel list." The Office Action asserts that the "autotune" feature of Klosterman teaches the a favorite channel list. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The autotune feature is a mechanism in which a user can select a scheduled television channel event occurring in the future. At the schedule time, the system automatically changes the channel to the selected event. This is quite different from Applicant's claims. The favorite channel list of Applicant's claims provides a mechanism for the display of those channels in which the user is most interested in, filtering those that the user is not interested in. The autotune feature is not based on the user's preference for particular channels or types of channels, rather it merely selects a program for future viewing. Thus Klosterman does not teach or disclose a favorite channel list and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 2 and 14.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-373-6954 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

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